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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Covington Historic District amendment

other names/site number Confederate Memorial 107-0025-0143

**2. Location**

street & number Alleghany County Courthouse/Jail Square not for publication

city or town Covington vicinity

state Virginia code VA county Alleghany code 005 Zip 24426

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments. )

Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 4/22/04

**Virginia Department of Historic Resources**

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments. )

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the  
National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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## 5. Classification

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

☐ private  
☒ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

☐ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☒ object

### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
_____	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____ 1 _____	_____ objects
_____ 1 _____	_____ Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**N/A**

## 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)[illegible]

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: monument Sub:

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation n/a  
roof n/a  
walls n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
other stone  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- ☒ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

other: community history  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance \_ 1911-1954 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates \_ 1911 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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#### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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##### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

##### Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- \_\_\_ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.  
\_\_\_ previously listed in the National Register  
\_\_\_ previously determined eligible by the National Register  
\_\_\_ designated a National Historic Landmark  
\_\_\_ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

##### Primary Location of Additional Data

- \_\_\_ ☒ State Historic Preservation Office  
\_\_\_ Other State agency  
\_\_\_ Federal agency  
\_\_\_ Local government  
\_\_\_ University  
\_\_\_ Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing		
1	17	588414	4	183289	2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	_____	_____
___ See continuation sheet.							

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

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**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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Organization: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Roanoke Regional Office date April 2004

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city or town Roanoke state VA zip code 24013

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Alleghany County, Virginia Tammy D. Stephenson, County Administrator

street & number 9212 Winterberry Avenue telephone (540) 863-6600

city or town Covington state VA zip code 24426

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**7. Summary Description:**

The Confederate Memorial is located in front of the Alleghany County Jail in downtown Covington, Virginia, within the boundary of the existing Covington National Register Historic District; but it was apparently overlooked and not identified as a contributing resource in the district nomination, prepared in 1990. The Covington Historic District was listed on the National Register on February 21, 1991.

The memorial, standing some 28 feet tall, was created entirely of granite or similar igneous rock and takes the overall form of an obelisk, but is truncated and topped with a statue of a Confederate soldier. Below the statue, the monument is monolithic, square in cross section, and gently tapered towards the top. Like a classical column, it is divided into three sections: base, shaft, and capital, by moldings carved into the rock. Centered on each elevation, near the base, are unusual, highly polished, spherical elements. At the base level is a sculpted relief of crossed Confederate battle flags, and inscriptions on each elevation. The inscriptions are recorded below:

"They fought for liberty, home, and those they loved, their names are borne on honor's shield and their record is with God."

"Erected in loving tribute by the Alleghany Chapter U. D. C."

"Alleghany County furnished more soldiers to the Confederate cause than she had voters."

"To the Confederate Soldiers of Alleghany County."

"1861-1865"

"Unveiled September 16, 1911."

"Fate denied them victory, but crowned them with glorious immortality."

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## 8. Statement of Significance

The Confederate Memorial is a significant resource that contributes to the historic character and integrity of the existing Covington National Register Historic District. Ceremoniously unveiled in 1911, it commemorates the extreme sacrifices of the many men from Alleghany County who served or died in the Civil War. The monument is finely crafted and is large and elaborate for its time and place, and is a highly visible landmark in historic downtown Covington.

### Justification of Criteria

The Confederate Monument is eligible as a contributing resource in the Covington Historic District under Criterion A in the area of community history because it has stood for nearly a century as the only memorial to the large numbers of Alleghany County men who bravely served the Confederate cause in the Civil War. Its period of significance begins in 1911 and ends in 1954.

### Historical Background

Covington was laid out along the Jackson River in 1818 and became the Alleghany County seat in 1822. Named for Peter Covington, an early settler, the mountain community was incorporated as a town in 1833 and became a city in 1953. The historic district is primarily commercial in character and includes most of the land in the original 40-acre grid. The Covington National Register Historic District encompasses a full range of architectural types, from the 1910 county courthouse designed by Charles M. Robinson, to the blocks of typical Main Street structures. Also in the district are two small residential neighborhoods along Locust and Riverside streets. At least six antebellum buildings survive, but most of the districts fabric dates from 1890 to 1940, a period of urbanization brought on the 1890 consolidation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and the establishment of the Virginia Pulp and Paper Company. Industrial development was effectively pursued by the Covington Improvement Company, established in 1890.<sup>1</sup>

The Confederate Memorial was erected at the cost of three-thousand dollars, a large sum of money for a small town in 1911. A large, well publicized celebration surrounded the unveiling of the monument on September 16, 1911. The 1910 courthouse had just been completed, and a bandstand and speaker's platform were built on the courthouse lawn for the event. A vast crowd gathered to hear Colonel Robert E. Lee, son of General Robert E. Lee, speak prior to the unveiling. Major R. W.

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Hunter delivered an address after the unveiling. A Mr. William M. McAllister of Warm Springs, Virginia officially accepted the monument.<sup>2</sup>

Notes

1. Kern, John and Daniel Pezzoni. *Covington Historic District Nomination*: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Roanoke Regional Office, 1990.
2. Arritt, Gay, *Historical Sketches of Alleghany County*. Covington, Alleghany County Historical Society, 1982, 142-3.

**9. Bibliography**

Arritt, Gay, *Historical Sketches of Alleghany County*. Covington: Alleghany County Historical Society, 1982, 142-3.

Kern, John and Daniel Pezzoni. *Covington Historic District Nomination*: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Roanoke Regional Office, 1990.

**10. Verbal Boundary Description**

The Confederate Monument is located within the existing Covington National Register Historic District, therefore the existing boundary remains unchanged.

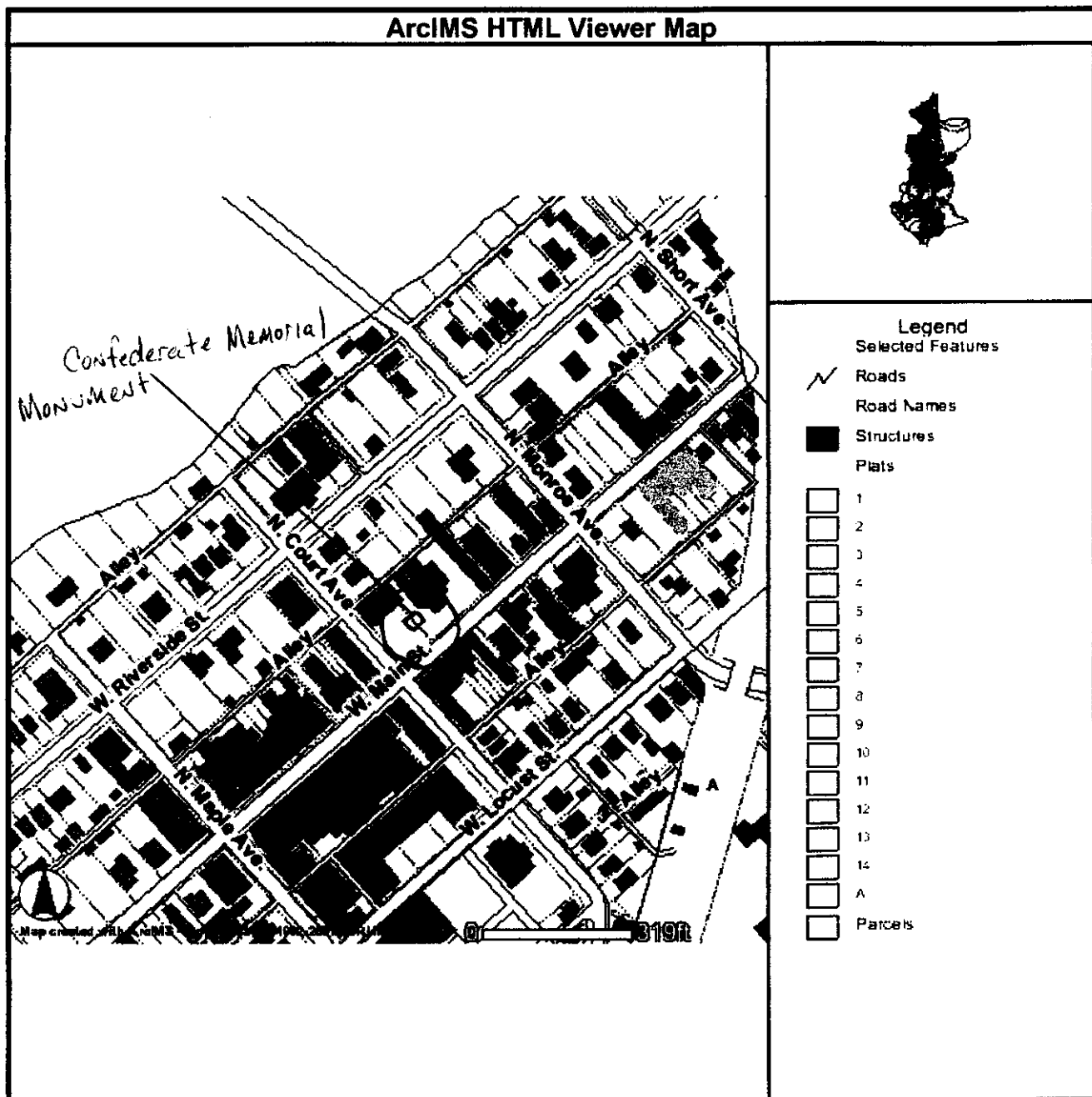
**Boundary Justification**

See the Covington National Register Historic District nomination, 1990.

**Photographs**

- 1) Confederate Memorial facing northeast. Neg.# 21363. M. Pulice, photographer. Feb. 2004.
- 2) Confederate Memorial facing west. Neg.# 21363. M. Pulice, photographer. Feb. 2004.





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